

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 41, line 3, replace "apparatuses" with --apparatus--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. Claims 28-32 and 34-41 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 28, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a system including a determining unit configured to determine, based on the appended information, whether image reconstruction by using one of the raw data and the projection data is possible in the second X-ray computed tomography apparatus, when taken in combination with all of the other limitations of the claim. Claims 29-32 are allowed by virtue of their dependency.

With respect to claim 34, the prior fails to teach or reasonably suggest a system including a determining unit configured to determine, based on the appended information, whether image reconstruction based on one of the raw data and the projection data is possible in the second X-

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ray computed tomography apparatus, when taken in combination with all of the other limitations of the claim. Claims 35-37 are allowed by virtue of their dependency.

With respect to claim 38, the prior fails to teach or reasonably suggest a apparatus including a determining unit configured to determine whether one of the raw data and the projection data transmitted from the data managing system is reconstructible in the reconstruction unit, when taken in combination with all of the other limitations of the claim. Claims 39-40 are allowed by virtue of their dependency.

With respect to claim 41, the prior fails to teach or reasonably suggest a system including a determining unit configured to determine, based on appended information, whether image reconstruction by using one of raw data and projection data is possible in an X-ray computed tomography apparatus, when taken in combination with all of the other limitations of the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN M. CORBETT whose telephone number is (571)272-8284. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward J. Glick can be reached on (571) 272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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